

REMARKS

The claim objections

The claims are amended to further clarify them. The objections are moot.

The Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1-10 are rejected as allegedly unpatentable over US 5,384,877.

US 5,384,877 is directed to an etalon that passively compensates for temperature fluctuations solely by virtue of its physical configuration. See column 1, lines 26-30, column 3, lines 24-27, column 4, lines 45-49, and column 5, lines 8-10. While general equations are given for the relationship among wavelength, temperature and length, and a variety of other features of etalons (see equations in the reference), nowhere does this reference teach or suggest using multiple resonant interference peaks to obtain a single expansion coefficient, which is a feature of the rejected claims. Nor is an allegation made to this effect. Thus, the claims are not unpatentable.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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